

AN ACT OF WORSHIP



THE ORDER USED IN YORK MINSTER AT
THE BIRTHDAY FESTIVAL OF TOC H
SATURDAY, 11th DECEMBER, 1937

WORSHIP

It is desired that this service shall be as worthy an offering to God as we can make it. We therefore ask the People, whose part is an important one always, to speak and to sing with their whole heart and "with one mind and one mouth to glorify God."

THE Quaker idea of worship is not limited by the thought of a special sanctity attaching to one kind of building and demanding reverent behaviour therein on account of the sanctity. It is founded on other conceptions which have to be constantly kept in mind.

We are engaged in a great task when we meet together in worship; no less a task than to realise the Divine Presence, and it is our part to make ready for that realisation, and, as far as in us lies, to create an atmosphere in which the Presence and Power can touch us into better life. When once we remember this, we cannot but approach the occasion with reverent humility and expectation, and the desire that nothing on our part may hinder or disturb. It is of the very nature of our being that we receive hurt or help from the conduct and thought of others; we shall therefore carefully avoid breaking in upon another's meditation by belated entrance or by any unnecessary noise or restlessness as it continues.

It is something holy and wonderful which we are trying to build up together, and it is very easily shattered by thoughtless or careless behaviour. Let us be very careful that we do nothing that might hinder "that Communion and Communication of the Spirit and Life of God" . . . as from one upon all and all upon one.

A notice found in a Friends Meeting House.

A NOTE ABOUT THE HYMNS.

The words of *As with gladness men of old* are by W. Chatterton Dix (1837-98) and the tune (Dix) is abridged from a Chorale, *Treuer Heiland*, by C. Kocher (1786-1872). The original of *O Holy Spirit, Lord of Grace* is by Charles Coffin (1676-1749); this version is a translation by John Chandler. The tune (Tallis' Ordinal, 9th Tune) is the composition of T. Tallis (c. 1515-85). The tune of *Let us, with a glad some mind* (Monkland) is of unknown origin; this arrangement is by J. Wilkes (1861). The words are a paraphrase of Psalm 136 by John Milton (1608-74).

ORDER OF SERVICE

When the Toc H Padres, Choir and Clergy enter, all will stand.

All still standing the choir will sing this anthem composed by Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-76):

THE CHOIR

THOU wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee. The darkness is no darkness with thee, but the night is as clear as the day. The darkness and the light to thee are both alike. God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. O let my soul live, and it shall praise thee, for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory for evermore.

THE FOUNDER
PADRE

BRETHREN, we are come together in the presence of Almighty God and of the whole company of Heaven, to offer unto him through our Lord Jesus Christ, our worship and praise and thanksgiving; and especially at this time to pray for the whole family of Toc H that it may be guided and governed by the Holy Spirit, and that through divine protection it may be free from all adversities and devoutly given to good works to the glory of God; through Jesus Christ our Friend and Brother. Amen.

PENITENCE

Let us then kneel and humbly confess our sins to God.

ALL

WE CONFESS to God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, before the whole company of heaven, that we have sinned exceedingly in thought, word and deed, through our fault, our own fault, our own most grievous fault; wherefore we pray God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost to have mercy upon us. Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.

THE FOUNDER
PADRE

ALMIGHTY GOD grant unto you pardon, absolution, and remission of all your sins; time for true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and comfort of his Holy Spirit. Amen.

ALL

OUR FATHER, which art in Heaven, Hallowed be thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done; In earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil. Amen.

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

THE FOUNDER
PADRE

LIFT up your hearts.

ALL

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Y Let us lift up our hearts and voices in thanksgiving and praise to the Lord of life and light.

Praise ye the Lord.

Ry *The Lord's name be praised.*

Y Let us thank him that he commanded the light to shine out of darkness, and that he has shone in the hearts of men, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Praise ye the Lord.

Ry *The Lord's name be praised.*

Y Let us thank him for his life on earth, revealing the way of God.

Praise ye the Lord.

Ry *The Lord's name be praised.*

Y Let us thank him for his life laid down, and taken again and given unto men.

Praise ye the Lord.

Ry *The Lord's name be praised.*

Y Let us thank him for the humble witness of the lives of our Elder Brethren in every age; for the spirit that inspired men in our own day to build in the Old House the traditions of our world-wide family.

Praise ye the Lord.

Ry *The Lord's name be praised.*

Y Let us thank him for the love he has bestowed upon us, directing us in the way, blessing, using, and enlarging us, all beyond our dreaming or deserts.

Praise ye the Lord.

Ry *The Lord's name be praised.*

ALL

ALMIGHTY GOD, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And we beseech thee give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we shew forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

All will now stand to sing:

AS with gladness men of old
Did the guiding star behold,
As with joy they hailed its light,
Leading onward, beaming bright,
So, most gracious God, may we
Evermore be led to thee.

As with joyful steps they sped,
To that lowly manger bed,
There to bend the knee before
Him whom heaven and earth adore,
So may we with willing feet
Ever seek thy mercy-seat.

As they offered gifts most rare
At that manger rude and bare,
So may we with holy joy,
Pure and free from sin's alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to thee our heavenly King.

In the heavenly country bright
Need they no created light:
Thou its Light, its Joy, its Crown,
Thou its Sun which goes not down:
There for ever may we sing
Alleluyas to our King.

All will now be seated for the reading of St. John's Gospel, Chap. 13, v. 1-5 and 12-17, as

THE LESSON

THE DEAN
OF YORK

NOW before the feast of the passover, Jesus knowing that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end. And during supper, the devil having already put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he came forth from God, and goeth unto God, riseth from supper, and layeth aside his garments; and he took a towel, and girded himself. Then he poureth water into the basin, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded.

So when he had washed their feet, and taken his garments, and sat down again, he said unto them, Know ye what I have done to you? Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well: for so I am. If I then, the Lord and the Master, have washed your feet, ye also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that ye also should do as I have done to you. Verily, verily, I say unto you, A servant is not greater than his lord; neither one that is sent greater than he that sent him. If ye know these things, blessed are ye if ye do them.

Then will be sung:

O HOLY Spirit, Lord of Grace,
Eternal source of love,
Inflame, we pray, our inmost hearts
With fire from heaven above.

As thou dost join with holiest bonds
The Father and the Son,
So fill thy saints with mutual love
And link their hearts in one.

To God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Holy Ghost,
Eternal glory be from man,
And from the Angel-host.

THE SERMON

BY THE RIGHT REVEREND H. J. EMBLING.

The Sermon being ended, all will kneel to offer

PRAYERS FOR A RIGHT PURPOSE

THE V
FOUNDER
PADRE

LET us ask God to help us to do all that he has commanded, that so Toc H may be a true House to him, not made with human hands alone.

Ry *So help us Lord to build it.*

V Let it stand, Lord, as a House of witness for the Truth; a place wherein truly thou mayest be found.

Ry *So help us Lord to build it.*

V Let it stand, Lord, all beautiful by the faithful following of thy laws, arrayed in health and happiness, bold in design and prudent in right order.

Ry *So help us Lord to build it.*

V Let it stand, Lord, though yet incomplete, yet vindicating, day by day, more fully thy purpose in its fashioning.

Ry *So help us Lord to build it.*

V Let it stand, Lord, ever at the heart of life; unavoidable in the full tide of noonday; midmost where life runs strongest; that those who see it may thank thee and take courage.

Ry *So help us Lord to build it.*

ALL

O GOD, who hast so wonderfully made Toc H, and set men in it to see their duty as Thy will, teach us to live together in love and joy and peace; to check all bitterness; to disown discouragement; to practise thanksgiving, and to leap with joy to any task for others. Strengthen the good thing thus begun, that with gallant and high-hearted happiness, we may work for Thy kingdom in the wills of men. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All standing, this hymn will be sung and during the singing a collection will be made, which, after expenses are met, will be devoted to the York Minster Fabric Fund.

LET us, with a gladsome mind,
Praise the Lord, for he is kind:
For his mercies ay endure
Ever faithful, ever sure.

Let us blaze his name abroad,
For of Gods he is the God:
For his mercies ay endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure.

He with all commanding might
Filled the new-made world with light:
For his mercies ay endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure.

He the golden-tressed sun
Caused all day his course to run:
For his mercies ay endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure.

Choir only.

The horned moon to shine by night,
'Mid her spangled sisters bright:
For his mercies ay endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure.

He his chosen race did bless
In the wasteful wilderness:
For his mercies ay endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure.

Choir only.

He hath, with a piteous eye,
Looked upon our misery:
For his mercies ay endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure.

All things living he doth feed,
His full hand supplies their need:
For his mercies ay endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure.

Let us, with a gladsome mind,
Praise the Lord, for he is kind:
For his mercies ay endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure.

The hymn being ended, all will kneel.

THE
ARCHBISHOP
OF YORK

REMEMBER, O Lord, what thou hast wrought in us and not what we deserve; and as thou hast called us to thy service make us worthy of thy calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

